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CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT ARTICLES ON THE STATUS OF THE DIPLOMATIC COURIER AND THE DIPLOMATIC BAG NOT ACCOMPANIED BY DIPLOMATIC COURIER AND OF THE DRAFT OPTIONAL PROTOCOLS THERETO

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Consideration of the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and of the draft optional protocols thereto" was included in the agenda of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph (b) of Assembly decision 47/415 of 25 November 1992.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Sixth Committee had before it the text of the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and of the draft optional protocols thereto, adopted by the International Law Commission at its forty-first session. 1/ It also had before it the reports of the Chairmen of the

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/44/10), chap. II.D.

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informal consultations held on the question in the Sixth Committee at the forty-fifth, forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly. 2/

4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 35th meeting, on 9 November 1995.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.6/50/L.2

5. At the 35th meeting, on 9 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Consideration of the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and of the draft optional protocols thereto" (A/C.6/50/L.2).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/50/L.2 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Consideration of the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and of the draft optional protocols thereto

The General Assembly, wishing to pay tribute to the valuable work done by the International Law Commission on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and the draft optional protocols thereto, decides, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, to bring the draft articles prepared by the International Law Commission on the subject 3/ to the attention of Member States, together with the observations made by Member States in written form or orally during the debates of the Sixth Committee, including the report of the Vice-Chairman of the Sixth Committee at the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, 4/ and to remind Member States of the possibility that this field of international law and any further developments within it may be subject to codification at an appropriate time in the future.

2/ A/C.6/45/SR.42, A/C.6/46/SR.40 and A/C.6/47/SR.31.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/44/10), chap. II.D.

4/ A/C.6/47/SR.31.